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May 12, 1989

Frank D. Wicks  
Vice President and General Manager  
Barrick Mercur Gold Mine  
P.O. Box 838  
Tooele, Utah 84074

Re: Barrick Mercur  
Tailings Pond-Saddle Dam  
Seepage Investigation

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We wish to summarize our understanding of the report which Barrick Mercur is preparing as a result of our 28 April 1989 meeting to address concerns about seepage which has developed near the toe of the tailing pond saddle dam.

The report should address at the minimum the following:

- a. A chronological summary of events.
- b. Description of sources and the cause of the seepage.
- c. Description of the fate of the seepage.
- d. Actions proposed to correct the problem.
- e. Actions proposed to mitigate impacts on the ground water.
- f. What actions if any have been completed to date.
- g. Information about the construction of the tailings pond monitoring wells.
- h. Monitoring information compiled to date from the monitoring wells.

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This information should be submitted within four weeks of receipt of this letter to alleviate the situation which has existed a long time and may pose a serious threat to ground water and environmental resources

Please call if there are any questions.

Sincerely,  
Utah Water Pollution Control Committee

*Don A. Ostler*

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